

LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY

AUGUST 28, 2002

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. Agency members present were Chair George Greb, Casey Lee, Mimi Turin and Bob Waitkus. Also present were Assistant Town Attorney A. Thomas Connick, Planners Deborah Ross and Brad Swing and Board Secretary Janet Gale recording the meeting. Vice-Chair Mike Bender was absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 11, 2001 July 9, 2002

Mr. Waitkus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lee, to approve the minutes of July 11, 2001, and July 9, 2002. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Land Use Plan Amendment

3.1 LA 02-6, Laystrom/Spear and Varat, generally located on the southeast corner of Pine Island Road and Stirling Road

Bill Laystrom and Rachael Spear, representing the petitioner, were present. Mr. Swing read the planning report (Planning and Zoning Division's recommendation: approval).

Mr. Laystrom provided a presentation on how he hoped to develop this parcel and why he believed that commercial use was justified. He spoke of the tax benefits that would be derived and how the location was geographically ideal for this use. Mr. Laystrom believed that the purpose for this parcel should be established at this time, in order to avoid any misrepresentations prior to future development of the surrounding acreage.

A lengthy discussion ensued as Agency members were concerned that what was being done now would be setting the destiny for the surrounding vacant land consisting of 500 acres. Agency members sought clarification from Mr. Connick on the legal aspects of being consistent with the land use designation. Chair Greb commented that determining what was done with the future land use designation "was probably the most significant aspect of the whole process."

Chair Greb asked if anyone wished to speak for or against this item. As no one spoke, the public hearing was closed.

Discussions continued as to whether or not this request fit into a larger "vision" of future development and Agency members expressed individual viewpoints.

Mr. Waitkus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Turin, to deny. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Chair Greb - yes; Vice-Chair Bender - absent; Ms. Lee - no; Ms. Turin - yes; Mr. Waitkus - yes. **(Motion carried 3-1)**

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

There were no comments and/or suggestions made.

7. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Chair/Agency Member